

# Hawaii MARINE

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## President Bush visits 1st MarDiv

**Sgt. Matthew Shaw**

*Camp Pendleton Public Affairs*

**CAMP PENDLETON, Calif.** — Speaking to Marines and Sailors here May 30 in front of a White House a continent away from the one he calls home, President George W. Bush praised Camp Pendleton's energy conservation progress and touted stepped-up military pay increases in his budget recently sent to Congress.

President Bush's visit here, part of a three-day swing through California, marks the first time a sitting president



Sgt. Matthew Shaw

**President Bush speaks to Marines and Sailors of Camp Pendleton May 30.**

has come to Camp Pendleton since President Lyndon B. Johnson attended the Marine Corps Birthday Celebration here in 1967.

He delivered his 12-minute speech in front of the 1st Marine Division headquarters building to a crowd of roughly 3,000 servicemembers, shaking hands with a few of them afterward.

During his address, he alluded to Camp Pendleton's forecast of 15 percent energy savings this summer over last summer while the state remains embroiled in an energy crisis. The target would exceed a 10 percent savings mandated by the Department of Defense for California installations.

"Camp Pendleton deserves special credit," President Bush said. "I congratulate you for seeking extra conservation savings over the 10 percent. And that's going above and beyond the call of duty."

Before the speech, Col. David John, assistant chief of staff, facilities, briefed the president on Camp Pendleton's past, present and future conservation efforts.

The trio informed the president that Pendleton made great strides during a voluntary energy conservation exercise May 24.

The base achieved a 20 percent conservation rate and showed the president the energy demand curve from the exercise. The president was impressed that Camp Pendleton could save that much during peak hours.

After praising Camp Pendleton's efforts, the president announced his own energy initiatives.

He said he will ask for \$150 million from Congress, in addition to an already-requested \$300 million to aid "low-income people struggling with rising energy bills."

"We have other initiatives as well," President Bush said. "Our nation needs to modernize its networks for moving energy from the power plant to the outlet on the wall."

The administration is currently taking action in opening the power grids connecting Northern and Southern California known as "Path 15," he said.

However, during a meeting with Governor Gray Davis, President Bush reiterated his opposition to restricting electricity prices.

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Sgt. Richard W. Holtgraver Jr.

**A row of Japanese EP-3s line the MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, flightline while a JMSDF detachment trains here.**

## President sends DoD supplemental budget to Congress for \$5.6 billion

**Jim Garamone**

*American Forces Press Service*

**WASHINGTON** — President Bush has sent Congress a \$5.9 billion supplemental request to make up for shortfalls in the fiscal 2001 budget. The request slates \$5.6 billion for DoD.

Dov Zakheim, newly sworn-in DoD comptroller, said the supplement will cover such things as a July 1 targeted pay raise for mid-level noncommissioned and petty officers, unfunded military health-care requirements, the rising cost of fuel, and reducing out-of-pocket housing costs.

DoD requested \$1.9 billion for urgent pay and benefits, and \$1.8 billion for readiness training and operations.

The request contains \$1.1 billion for contractual obligations and cost growth and \$763 million for infrastructure and weapon systems repair and maintenance. It also re-

quested \$188 million for transformation capabilities. Zakheim called this last request "seed corn" for the major push in transforming the military that will begin in the fiscal 2002 and 2003 budgets.

The supplemental provides funds to repair the destroyer USS Cole and to recover the remains of

nine Japanese citizens who died aboard the fishing trawler Ehime Maru, which sank in February after a collision with the submarine USS Greenville off Hawaii.

The supplemental is not as large as the service chiefs wanted.

*See BUDGET, A-7*



Pvt. Iain A. Schnaible

**Brigadier Gen. R.E. Parker Jr., commanding general of MCB Hawaii, awards corporal chevrons to the base mascot, an English bulldog named Danno, in a promotion ceremony Friday at the Military Police Co., Headquarters Bn., MCB Hawaii company area.**

## MCB Hawaii mascot promoted

**Pvt. Iain A. Schnaible**

*Combat Correspondent*

One of MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay's most notable and well-known faces reached a milestone in his Marine Corps career Friday when he achieved the rank of corporal.

An English Bulldog by the name of Shamrocks Full O'Blarney, better known as Danno, the base mascot, was promoted in a ceremony at the MCB Hawaii Military Police Department Friday.

Danno, who is nicknamed after a character on the television show "Hawaii Five-0," received his promotion from Brig. Gen. R.E. Parker Jr., commanding general, MCB Hawaii.

Danno was born March 17, 1998, making him 21 in dog years. He enlisted into the Marine Corps and came to MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, on July 8, 1998 as a private and has been patrolling the hallways of the Military Police Department and the rest of the base ever since.

Danno was brought to K-Bay to serve as a morale boost to the troops, waddling through the hallways attracting attention and creating a stir of excitement wherever he goes.

"Danno goes to schools to boost the Drug Abuse Resistance Education program, he goes to various command functions and attends any kind of function that warrants a little history with the bulldog as the mascot," said Lt. Col. Stephen J. Cameron, MCB Hawaii provost marshal.

Most major Marine installations have a hound for a mascot.

Installations choose bulldogs because of their "in-your-face, chip-on-the-shoulder" attitude that has been known to typify the basic Marine spirit Staff Sgt. Jon Jerome, former kennelmaster with MP Co., told the Hawaii Marine upon Danno's arrival in 1998.

"My feelings about Danno joining me in the noncommissioned officer ranks are that it is well past due," said Sgt. Joseph L. Winkelman, a patrol supervisor with MPD. "He conducts himself appropriately at all official functions, as every Marine NCO should."

Danno was quick to take on the responsibility of his new rank, wandering the halls, watching Marines and barking orders. Apparently he was working hard for the promotion, he has been doing the same thing his entire career.

## Japanese detachment trains with VP-4

**Navy Lt. Mark Brummett**

*VP-4 Public Affairs Officer*

Taking the opportunity to return a few favors extended during a Western Pacific deployment to Japan, Patrol Squadron Four welcomed a detachment of aircrews from the Japan Maritime Self Defense Force to MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, recently.

The JMSDF sends aircrews to K-Bay throughout the year, but sending a training detachment of five P-3 Orion air-

craft happens but once.

Detachment 36 participated in a series of local area flights and a number of joint training missions around the neighbor islands for a period of four weeks.

Navy Lt. John Wigglesworth briefed the detachment about local area flight rules and flew a familiarization flight around the islands with the visitors, while Navy Lt. Craig Exum gave a brief on current Anti Submarine Warfare tactics used by our allies today.

Along with the many training flights scheduled, several other events were planned.

Assisting the VP-4 Skinny Dragons in their role as host squadron, the United Japanese Society of Hawaii extended local hospitality.

President Kenneth Saiki, a former JMSDF captain, described the society as both a cultural and social organization.

*See VP-4, A-7*



# MCBH NEWS BRIEFS

## RESERVE OPPORTUNITIES

Gunnery Sgt. William Foster, Transitional Recruiter, located in Bldg. 218 is hosting Active Reserve classes every Thursday at 9 a.m.

The Active Reserve program gives Marines the opportunity for continued affiliation with the Marine Corps as an active duty member. The Marine serves from one reserve unit to another in an Instructor & Inspector capacity. At the end of an initial three-year tour, the Marine may PCS to another reserve unit and continue a career retiring with full Active Duty privileges at 20 years.

For more information, contact GySgt. Foster at 257-1251.

## PARTS STORE CONSTRUCTION

Remodeling construction for the Mini Mart located between Firestone and the Gas Lanes will begin Monday at 3:30 p.m. and will continue until 11:30 p.m. The construction, which is slated to end Aug. 11, will be done at night to ensure free-flow of traffic through the Gas Lanes and the Mini mart (Parts Store) during normal work hours.

The Base Facilities Department apologizes for any noise created during the construction during the evening hours. The department also asks base residence and visitors to stay at least 50 feet away from the construction site at all times.

For more information, contact Xavier Ching of the Base Facilities Department at 257-2171 ext. 252.

## RECON MARINES WANTED

Currently 4th Force Reconnaissance Co., aboard MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, is in search of Marines to fill its ranks.

Marines of all military occupational specialties are welcome, but must be willing to change their current MOS to one in the infantry or intelligence occupational fields.

Any Marines (enlisted or officer) leaving active duty status and desiring to enter the reserves should contact Staff Sgt. Gerald Rohn at 257-2758 or 257-1077, ext. 221.

## CPR TRAINING

The American Heart Association of Hawaii is seeking volunteers for their free CPR training event being held Sunday from 8 to 3 p.m.

Volunteers would be needed from 7 a.m. to 8 a.m. at the University of Hawaii Campus Center. People interested in volunteering should call 538-7021, ext. 31.

## JAPANESE WIVES CLUB

The Japanese Wives club meets once a month at the Armed Services YMCA aboard MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay. For more information, call Hiroko Hagen at 239-2308.

## HABILITAT NEEDS HELP

Habilitat, a non-profit, non-sectarian substance abuse treatment program, is seeking donations of camouflage utility trousers for their work crews. Call 257-8824 to make donations.

## IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Base Emergency	257-9111
MPD	257-7114
Crisis Hotline	521-4555
Child Protective Services	832-5300
Fraud, Waste, Abuse & EEO	257-8852
Business Management Hotline	257-3188

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# == SERGEANT MAJOR'S CORNER ==

## Singles program needs greater support

Sgt. Maj. Stephen H. Mellinger  
Marine Forces Pacific  
Sergeant Major

CAMP H.M. SMITH — One of today's most important programs for our single Marines and Sailors is the Single Marine & Sailor Program (SM&SP). It's an outstanding program that offers numerous activities for our single Marines and Sailors, E-5 and below, within our commands.



Mellinger

The program is sponsored by Marine Corps Community Services (MCCS). It is designed to offer our single personnel a myriad of alcohol free, healthy and entertaining choices during liberty call, and at an affordable price.

My hat is off to MCCS for providing such a worthwhile program for our singles.

However, as I visit our many bases and stations I'm concerned that there are not more of our single Marines and Sailors partaking in the program. And we all know the old saying, "If you don't use it, you'll lose it," does apply.

Part of the reason for a lack of participation by our singles is not totally because of their lack of desire.

I've spoken to many leaders throughout our area of responsibility about their respective SM&SP. They all are quick to assure me that they have an active SM&SP in place.

A problem I find though is that our commands are not really encouraging their singles to participate.

Some of the activities such as golf, for example, might require our singles to be given a little time off from work. Too often these lance corporals and below are denied time off from work and told by their SNCOs and officers that the command can't afford to have them gone.

This is very interesting since I know those very SNCOs and officers won't think twice about taking a half-day from work to be in a command golf tournament. I guess this means that in those commands it's the lower enlisted that really run things!

Granted, most of SM&SP activities are during off-duty time, but my example clearly demonstrates a lack of commitment and concern by our leaders towards our singles. This mindset needs to change immediately leaders.

All of us leaders constantly tell our people to be safe over the weekend and to stay out of trouble, but don't inquire as to what they have "planned." We should be encouraging them to get involved in this program's activities.

There's another concern I have about this great program. It's the actual support, or pos-

sible lack there of, from MCCS itself.

I know that MCCS is very eager to fully support its activities that bring in a strong profit, but I've observed, over the years, that when some MCCS activities do not make a profit, then they're either dropped entirely or made a low priority.

I do understand basic business (make a profit or go out of business), but I would hope that MCCS sees how very important this program is for our singles.

It certainly isn't my place to "preach" to MCCS about how much monetary support this program should be receiving, but I would ask them to contribute an appropriate percentage of funds proportionate to the percentage of our single Marines and Sailors. To do so would make the program's activities more affordable and attractive to them.

Every command I visit, leadership is quick to tell me how great the SM&SP is.

They tell me the program has a definite, positive effect on the morale of their singles.

That said, I find virtually no command senior leadership (except maybe the base/station sergeant major) attend the programs scheduled meetings.

Too many leaders talk the talk, but don't walk the walk of supporting this program.

Each command has a SM&SP coordinator and they need reliable feedback from senior leadership to make their program the best it can be.

Leadership could actually have a win, win outcome by getting more involved and supportive of this program. Doing so, leadership just might help cut down the number of their Marines and Sailors making police and medical blotters, which in turn makes less headaches for them (leadership).

Most importantly, it is looking after our Marines' and Sailors' welfare. And that's what leadership is supposed to do.

To all of you Marine and Sailor single E-5's and below, remember that old saying I mentioned earlier, "If you don't use it, you may lose it." Semper Fi.

*“Too many leaders ... don’t walk the walk of supporting this program.”*

Sgt. Maj. Stephen H. Mellinger  
Marine Forces Pacific  
Sergeant Major

## HMH-363 to change command Friday



Lt. Col. Yarnell



Lieutenant Col. Edward Yarnell is scheduled to assume command of Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 363 from Lt. Col. J. J. Bare in a ceremony slated for Friday at 2:30 p.m. between Hangars 101 and 102. Lieutenant Col. Yarnell comes to MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, from Marine Forces Pacific Headquarters, Camp H. M. Smith. Lieutenant Col. Bare is scheduled to report to the National War College in Washington, D.C., upon relinquishment.



Lt. Col. Bare

## Windwalkers receive new commander



Lt. Col. Franklin



Marine Helicopter Training Squadron 301 Marines will receive a new commanding officer in a ceremony slated for Friday at 1 p.m. between hangars 101 and 102. Lieutenant Col. Mark Franklin will assume command of the HMT-301 Windwalkers from Lt. Col. Stephen G. Le Blanc. Lieutenant Col. Franklin is currently the squadron's executive officer. Lieutenant Col. LeBlanc is scheduled to report to the Army War College in Carlisle, Penn., upon leaving MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay.



Lt. Col. Le Blanc

# ‘Heroes of Iwo Jima’ to premier, June 17

## Headquarters, Marine Corps Press Release

1/400th of a second — that's all it took for photographer Joe Rosenthal to capture the most famous image of World War II — and the most reproduced photograph of all time.

Its impact was so overwhelming that it changed the lives of everyone it touched, and not always for the better.

But Joe Rosenthal wasn't the only one to photograph a flag-raising that day, and the men hailed as the "Heroes of Iwo Jima" weren't the only ones to raise old glory over the island that day.

"Heroes of Iwo Jima," from Oscar and Emmy-winning producer Arnold Shapiro, premiers on A&E on Father's Day, June 17, from 9 to 11 p.m. Eastern Time.

Hosted by Academy award-winning actor and former Marine, Gene Hackman, the documentary explores the real story

behind two flag-raisings and two photographs: the famous image captured by Associated Press photographer Rosenthal, and the lesser-known photo that Marine Corps photographer Lou Lowery took hours earlier.

In this emotional and enlightening special, viewers will come to know the young men who raised both flags in the midst of battle so horrific that half of them would die before the fighting was over.

The image of five American Marines and a Navy corpsman raising the flag atop Mount Suribachi, at least those who survived the battle, were forever changed — by both the battle and the subsequent fame the photograph would bring them.

While to millions of Americans, the photograph stirs intense pride and visions of triumph, to many of the men who fought on Iwo Jima, the image has become tainted through decades of distorted realities perpetuated by newspapers and history

books. What really happened? Who were these men, and how did they come to fight amid the volcanic ash and clandestine caves of Suribachi?

In "Heroes of Iwo Jima," the men who conquered the island finally tell the true story of the battle and the flag-raisings through letters, interviews, poignant recollections, and astonishing color film footage taken on the front lines of the battle.

"Heroes of Iwo Jima," which also features James Bradley, author of the best-selling book, "Flags of Our Fathers," is the powerful and moving story of two pictures worth more than a thousand words — because behind every photograph is war itself.

The documentary is produced by Arnold Shapiro Productions for the A&E Network.

For more information, logon to www.AandE.com.



COMMENTARY

# Corps’ top enlisted reminds that trust is more than just a word on a dollar bill

## Lack of trust, over-supervising, intolerance often stifle efforts of young Marines to Corps’ detriment

**Sgt. Maj. Alford L. McMichael**  
*Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps*

Trust and tolerance have long been recognized as powerful qualities of Marine leadership. We trust our Marines to do what is right, and they trust that we will look out for their welfare and lead them to the best of our abilities. They also trust, as they should, that we will tolerate their mistakes, knowing that by learning from them they will become even better Marines.

In fact, trust is the basis for the way we operate. Marines have historically rewarded the trust we place in them by independently conducting missions and tasks with initiative, skill and maturity. Their performance has been exceptional, and our Corps’ legacy is proof of their dedicated and capable service.

Unfortunately, we have strayed away from a purely trust-based system and now operate in an environment characterized by an expectation of “zero defects” supported by “micromanagement.” As a result, we have jeopardized the traditional essence of our Corps’ success – the initiative of the individual Marine.

### Symptoms of the Problem

The nature of the current state of affairs can perhaps best be illustrated through the examination of the experiences of a fictitious Marine. Private First Class Hardcharger, who has been a superior performer through recruit training and his follow-on military occupational specialty qualifying school, arrives in his new unit and goes through the normal check-in process.

He begins to work in his section with justifiable confidence in his abilities. He then encounters a challenging situation where he knows that he can do his job, but is not permitted to do so.

The unit’s leaders, from his supervising corporal to the unit gunnery sergeant, do not give him the opportunity or so over-supervise him that it is stifling.

Unfortunately, this lack of trust, both in the quality of the Corps’ initial training and in the ability of the individual Marine, is something new members of our units experience all too often.

Another example – potentially more damaging – is what happens when our young PFC makes a mistake. Perhaps it is a night of drunkenness, or maybe he has damaged some equipment through inattention. Whatever the case, all too often, he is marked as “damaged goods” by the command and finds himself cast aside with the characterization that his discharge would improve the Corps.

I will be the first to admit that in some cases, such an assessment is warranted, but in many others, we give up on our young Marines too soon.

### How Does This Affect Our Corps?

In fairness, no leader in situations like those described above consciously recognizes his or her actions as a reflection of a lack of trust. They are more likely motivated by a desire to uphold our standards, or maybe they have succumbed to the pressure to take the expedient route.

Nevertheless, it is a problem detrimental to a healthy Corps.

Some examples may help make this clearer to those who still doubt that this situation exists.

It is a sad fact, but many Marines view their initial training as inadequate, a perception that is reinforced when their unit

leaders prevent them from putting their knowledge to work.

If we consider our own experiences, I think we can all agree that constant micro-management can shake a Marine’s confidence in his or her leaders.

If we examine unit operations, we will find that, as unit leaders devote time to tasks better handled at a lower level, operations become increasingly inefficient. This is made even more apparent when junior Marines are forced to wait for instructions when they already know what should be done. In each instance, Marines are left with the sense that exercising their initiative is discouraged.

### The Cure? Trust and Tolerance

The continued success of the Corps depends upon getting this right. Today, our nation faces challenges that span the globe and the spectrum of conflict. From natural and man-made disasters to conflicts ranging in scale from terrorist acts to major international wars, Marines must be ready for any possible scenario.

This requirement for constant readiness is made that much more challenging by the changing nature of the modern “battlefield.” Missions that were once done by a company are now accomplished by a platoon.

The lethality of modern weaponry dictates that units increase their dispersion, expanding the requirement for small-unit leaders who can operate independently.

The greater capability of communications and the resulting speed with which news travels creates an environment where the actions of an individual Marine can have an international or strategic impact.

The unrivaled flexibility of our Marines and their desire to seek responsibility make them ideally suited for this environment.

Building the other skills necessary requires that we unleash their entire potential by “trusting them to do what is right.”

Through the use of tools such as mission-type orders, commander’s intent and proper developmental counseling, we can ensure that they have the wherewithal to thrive in future contingencies.

After reading this, many Marines may say to themselves, “Trust and tolerance are just fine, but our Corps is known for discipline and accountability.”

Rest assured – trust, tolerance and accountability all have their places in the Corps.

The simple solution is to trust Marines to do what is expected and then tolerate their mistakes, while at the same time holding them accountable so that they understand when they have missed the mark.

Let’s consider a common situation that may seem minor to those of us with many miles behind us, but is a source of genuine frustration to junior Marines like PFC Hardcharger.

Many units hold a formation at the end of the day to pass the word. Frequently, each level within the unit advances the time for the formation by five or 10 minutes so that the respective leaders can ensure that their Marines are on time for the one that really counts. We even have a phrase for it: “Ten

minutes early is on time.”

The unfortunate result is that the unit ends up standing around waiting for half an hour to 45 minutes before the actual formation.

If we could change our perspective and emphasize trust and tolerance, this time management issue changes considerably.

The unit commander would still set the time for the formation. The subordinate leaders would instill in their Marines the understanding that being on time is the standard for the unit. They would also ensure that all Marines understand they are expected to meet that standard and are trusted to do so.

Finally, recognizing that mistakes will be made, the unit’s leaders would stand ready to counsel or, if necessary, discipline Marines for failing to meet that standard.

Simple, direct and fair, this approach more closely matches the leadership style that Marines anticipate, expect and deserve.

### How Do We Get There?

Marines have recognized the need to address this situation for some time.

Our 29th Commandant, General Alfred M. Gray, began the long march back through his efforts as a vocal advocate for change.

More recently, our current Commandant, General James L. Jones’ “Commandant’s Guidance” specifically addresses trust and tolerance and how we should use them to counter the growth in what has been termed the “zero defects mentality.”

Consequently, many Marines have worked hard to instill these concepts into our Manpower system and our everyday orders, directives and actions.

This institutional effort from “the top down” should add momentum to the process and motivate Marines to include it in their dai-

ly lives.

We have made great progress, but we are not done yet. Now we need to incorporate these traits into the area of the Corps where we need it most-from our gunnery sergeants on down.

This should not be difficult, as every non-commissioned officer and staff NCO was once a lance corporal (in some cases twice).

This “been there, done that” aspect of our Corps ensures that we can all cite personal examples similar to those outlined above. It also punctuates the fact that to correct the situation, every Marine will have to make an effort to fix those things that he or she can personally affect.

Leaders should strive to empower their Marines to be more independent. Those who follow should strive to make do with less supervision-living up to the trust placed in them.

Through this “grass roots” effort, we can reverse the trend and make our Corps better. The end product will be a Marine Corps that possesses a revitalized emphasis on one of its historic strengths: leadership.

In the process, our leaders will learn more effective techniques to inspire their Marines, who in turn will have better role models from which to learn.

And in the end, our Corps will be better prepared for whatever the future may hold. Can we afford to do anything less?



McMichael

*“This is made even more apparent when junior Marines are forced to wait for instructions when they already know what should be done.”*

*SgtMaj. Alford L. McMichael*  
*Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps*

## WORD ON THE STREET

### Why do you think trust is important in the Marine Corps?



“Because if you can’t trust the people you work with, how can you trust them in combat with your life?”

**Lance Cpl. Antonio J. Davis**  
Aviation electronics technician  
HMH-363

“As a senior Marine, I should be able to trust my junior Marines and their ability and willingness to learn. Junior Marines need to trust in the Marine Corps to take care of their professional welfare.”

**Staff Sgt. John M. Glauner**  
Primary marksmanship instructor  
Headquarters Bn., MCB Hawaii



“You don’t have anything if you don’t have trust in your fellow Marines.”

**Cpl. Bryan R. Griffiths**  
Crash crewman  
Marine Corps Air Facility

“The confidence of junior Marines as well as junior Staff NCOs rests in the trust of the senior leadership. The principles of honor, courage and commitment are based on and developed from trust, trusting God, trusting country and trusting Corps.”

**Master Sgt. Duane A. Keys**  
Equal employment opportunity advisor  
MCB Hawaii



“Because we have to rely on each other from day to day. If we can’t rely on each other, the mission will never be completed.”

**Pfc. Scott P. McDaniel**  
Data entry specialist  
MCB Hawaii Military Police Department

“If we don’t trust our leaders on any level, it would have a negative impact on Marine Corps life. We need to trust ... them to look out for their Marines’ welfare, especially in harm’s way.”

**Capt. Kathy L. Novack**  
Fitness Analyst  
MCCDC



## Do you know the 14 timeless Marine Corps traits?

*Integrity, Knowledge, Courage, Decisiveness, Dependability, Initiative, Tact, Justice, Enthusiasm, Endurance, Bearing, Unselfishness, Loyalty and Judgement.*



# Marine excels whether abroad, domestic

**Cpl. Otto C. Pleil-Muete**  
*MarForPac Public Affairs*

**CAMP COINER, YONGSAN ARMY POST, Republic of Korea** – It was a dark and cool evening in South Korea as a hundred-watt light bulb lit up the inside of the tent.

Marines on either side of the tent nestled in their cozy green and black sleeping bags propped above the ground by cots.

Down the center passageway, one Marine stood out from under the light.

The steam filled the air as he pressured his iron on his uniform, forcing the creases to sharpen.

It was no unusual task for this sergeant of Marines, although he was hundreds of miles from home during Exercise Reception, Staging, Onward movement, and Integration ‘01.

He appeared like any other Marine, with a high-and-tight haircut and a slim build, but through the portals of his blue eyes and stern voice was a surging story ready to be exposed.

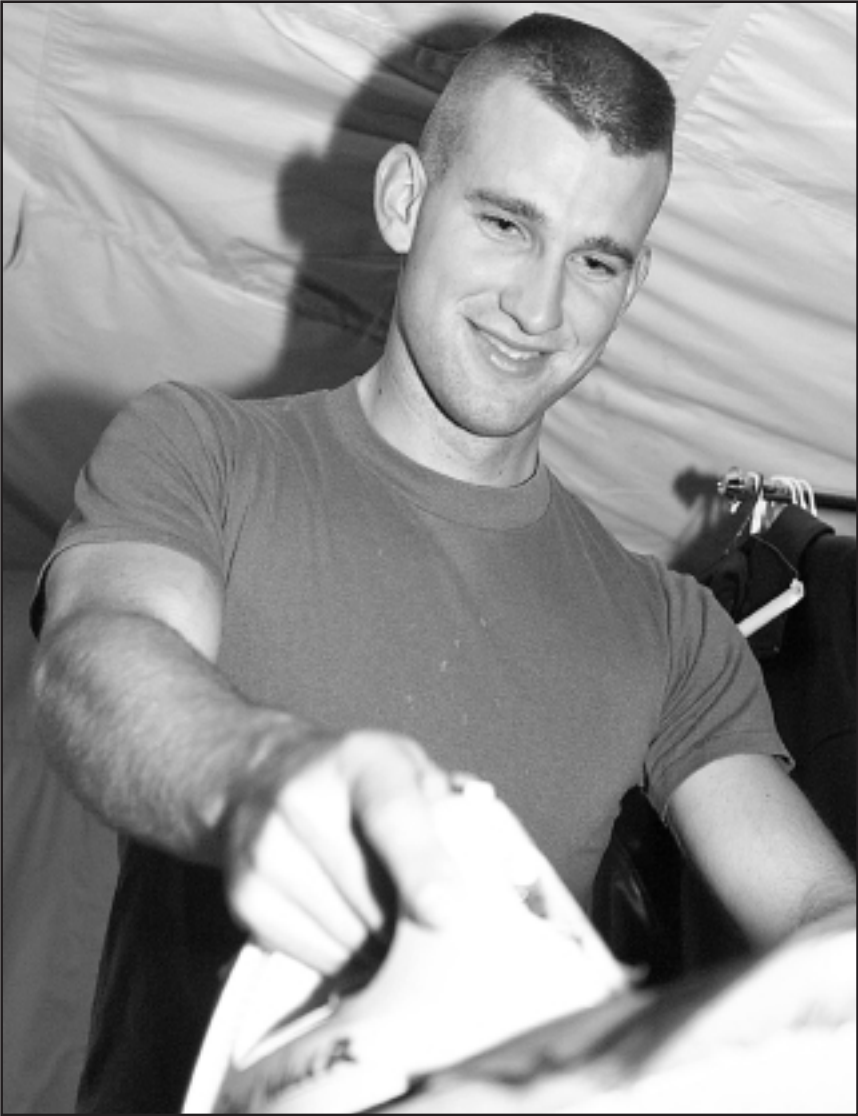
Sergeant Ryan D. Walker did not appear too young to be a sergeant in the Marine Corps, but the story of his promotion to sergeant was a great surprise to those around him.

Walker was promoted to sergeant Feb. 2 of this year after less than two years in the Marine Corps, exactly 22 months after he enlisted.

“Marines are a cut above the normal civilian as it is,” said Lt. Col. Jeffrey N. Stickel, the Pacific Command aviation logistics plans analyst for Marine Forces Pacific. “Sergeant Walker is definitely a cut above the average Marine.”

Walker received his first meritorious promotion to private first class upon his graduation from Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, Calif. To this day, Walker says becoming a Marine was one of his greatest personal accomplishments.

“That was a huge turning point



Cpl. Otto C. Pleil-Muete

**Sergeant Ryan D. Walker, from the Aviation Logistics Department at Marine Forces Pacific, takes extra time to iron his cammies during a field exercise in South Korea. Walker’s attention to detail enabled him to rapidly earn promotions up to the rank of sergeant within only two years of service.**

in my life,” said Walker. “It was an awesome experience. I think it’s something everyone should go through in life – to be able to push yourself so hard.”

Although he came into the Corps with an open contract, he decided to jump into the aviation field during recruit training. He continued onto his school for training as an aircraft administration specialist.

Walker said during his school, he fulfilled his second greatest accomplishment thus far by finding true

love in the company of his Marine classmate Colleen Rupert, currently stationed at Marine Corps Air Station, New River.

“It might sound corny, but just hearing her voice over the phone has become my greatest source of motivation,” said Walker.

Upon graduation from his school, Walker pinned on a set of crossed rifles during his meritorious promotion to lance corporal.

Walker continued his journey in the Marine Corps as he reported to

his first duty station at Camp H.M. Smith, Hawaii.

After standing in front of a couple meritorious promotion boards, he quickly picked up his blood-stripe in May of 2000, with only 13 months in the Marine Corps.

“He’s one of my motivators. He will always try to cheer me up towards the Marine Corps and life,” said Sgt. Shawn T. Bunnell, an intelligence analyst for MarForPac. “He’s there with you any time, in the good times and the bad times.”

Bunnell and Walker helped one another study before they stood side-by-side in front of the meritorious sergeant promotion board this past January.

“I think that’s what is so great about the Marine Corps,” said Walker. “Every Marine is like your brother. They’re always looking out for your best interests. It’s not like you have to look for friends, they’re right there.”

As a result of the board, Walker was meritoriously promoted once again as he picked up the rank of sergeant.

“Before we even went on the board together, I knew he would win,” said Bunnell. “He’s a superior Marine.”

From spit-shining his boots to reading up on his knowledge, Walker said he does whatever he needs to do to improve his job performance, which in turn, brings him more motivation to excel.

“Sometimes when I’m a little down, I do Marine things,” said Walker. “A lot of the things we do as Marines from day to day can become boring, but a lot of things you get to do are fun and exciting.”

Although chasing fun and excitement brought Walker into the Marine Corps, it was the cause of many twists and turns earlier in his life in his hometown of Lake Arrowhead, Calif. Walker survived numerous bumps and scrapes taking on the challenges of several different sports like rollerblading, wrestling, riding BMX bikes, and

drag car racing.

“I like having people challenge me,” said Walker. “It’s a lot of fun.”

After surviving his extreme high school moments, torn knees and a dislocated hip, Walker set out to get his degree in the law field.

Two years into school, he decided he needed a change, and he took on the challenge of becoming a Marine.

“I wanted to do something a little more fun and exciting,” recalled Walker. “I was kind of getting burned out going to college and I really wanted to be able to look back on my life and say, ‘This is awesome! I accomplished something I didn’t think I was going to be able to.’”

From the start of his service in Hawaii, Walker indulged in numerous off-duty activities.

He became the Camp H.M. Smith representative for the Single Marine and Sailor Program, became a part of the MarForPac Color Guard and currently holds the title as Color Sergeant, and also led Marines as the barracks sergeant.

Walker said he is also proud to help out the community by serving as a type of drill instructor for the Civil Air Patrol, a Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps for the Air Force on Oahu.

“I enjoy it a lot,” said Walker. “You get to help out younger kids that don’t enjoy being kids. It’s awesome seeing them drill and accomplish things. You get to see the little sparkle of inspiration in their eyes – It’s a great feeling for me.”

In the future, Walker said he’s looking to become an officer and follow in his parents’ footsteps by getting married and having a family.

“Sergeant Walker is noted as one of the more zealous Marines,” said Lt. Col. Stickel. “The Marine Corps has always had a Marine who gets the stuff to get the job done and Sgt. Walker is one of those Marines.”

# Summer Moves: Monthly PCS workshop provides vital info

**Cpl. Roman Yurek**  
*Combat Correspondent*

Marines move at least five times in a career, and while packing a sea bag can take little effort, the addition of a family can add extra complications and paper work to the move.

The Marine Corps Community Services, Personal Services Center provides a monthly Permanent Change of Station Workshop to help avoid the hysteria and give personnel tips on how to make the move cheaper and less confusing.

“The workshop helps reduce the anxiety of moving,” said Marie Jesus, a relocation specialist with PSC.

Anyone that is anticipating a change of station can attend the half-day class, held the second Wednesday of every month — orders are not needed.

One of the main points that is made is to have a plan when it comes to moving.

“If a spouse with two kids is moving and her husband is away, there are a few things she can do to prepare for the next station,” explained Jesus. “She can arrange child care, employment, school, pet shipment and vehicle shipment.”

When a soon-to-be moving Marine or Sailor goes into PSC, they are lent a copy of a welcome a board brief from the base they are going to and a video.

Then there is the PCS Workshop. It begins with a class by the Traffic Management Office.

This office can eliminate much confusion, by arranging the pack-out of ones personal belongings, shipment of vehicles and pets, and they can even arrange passports, according to Jesus.

After TMO gives out their information on packing, the Family Housing Department tells base residents about cleaning their house, the temporary loaner furniture program and the lending locker.

Finally, a class is given on the Temporary Lodging Allowance. This is money that a Marine or Sailor stationed overseas rates if they are moved out of their house and living in a hotel, for example.

“The first three classes are the most important, I think,” Jesus added. “They are probably the three largest areas that a family has to visit prior to leaving.”

The next set of classes focus around money. First the focus is on pay and travel.

This ranges from Basic Allowance for Subsistence to advances.

After learning about money that servicemembers are entitled to, they learn how to save money on the move.

One way to save money is by planning ahead. Jesus recommends that if people are driving cross-country, that they

should stay on military bases. That will cut the costs of hotels and off-base gas prices.

Another piece of information that the class offers is a variety of Internet sites that people can log on for further information while transitioning.

The final classes for anyone going overseas are the Anti-Terrorism/Force Protection training, which immediately follows the PCS Workshop. Workshop attendees learn tips to avoid being attacked in other countries by terrorists or any other groups that are against the United States military.

Jesus said that there is a lot of information passed in the class.

“Everyone that attends is a leader,” she added. “They may not use some of the information, but some day they may need it to pass on to someone else that is moving.”

To reserve a seat in the class call 257-7790 or 7787 and learn how to PCS without the anxiety.

*Editors Note: Look for more articles on PCSing in upcoming issues of the Hawaii Marine.*

## Pack 225 Hand Salute



Sharon B. Hughes

**Pack 225 scoutmaster Rusty Bixler orders a hand salute as scouts from Dens 1 and 5 post the colors during “Crossing Over” ceremonies at Hale Koa Beach, Friday.**



# DoD releases final report on chemical incidents reported by 11th Marines

*Final version based on interviews with Gulf War veterans*

**Defense News**  
*Press Release*

The Department of Defense announced today that it has concluded its investigations into accounts of possible chemical warfare incidents involving the 11th Marines artillery regiment during the Gulf War.

The final version of the “11th Marines” case narrative has been revised based on new information obtained by the Office of the Special Assistant for Gulf War Illnesses, Medical Readiness and Military Deployments.

In 1998, the special assistant’s office published a narrative addressing two questions: was chemical warfare agent present in the immediate vicinity of 11th Marines during possible chemical warfare agent incidents;

and why did the 11th Marines record so many chemical events.

Since 1998, investigators have obtained new information from interviews with Gulf War veterans and other sources, which provided a clearer picture of what occurred during the war.

Additionally, the former Presidential Special Oversight Board reviewed the 1998 narrative and recommended some changes and that special assistant’s office republish the paper as a final report.

After reassessing all of the information, investigators cataloged 17 possible chemical warfare incidents associated with the 11th Marines.

In most incidents, Marines donned additional chemical protective clothing.

Since documentation and witnesses provided very little detail about two of the incidents, investigators have assessed the possibility of chemical warfare agent presence as “indeterminate.”

For 13 other incidents, there was substantial information that allowed investigators to

determine the presence of chemical warfare agent as “unlikely” in each case.

The remaining two incidents were assessed as “definitely not” involving the presence of chemical warfare agent. In none of the 17 was chemical warfare agent casualties reported. Investigators believe that false positive chemical warfare agent tests triggered some incidents.

All detection devices available to Marines in the Gulf War - the Fox Nuclear Biological and Chemical Reconnaissance Vehicle, the M256 Chemical Agent Detection Kit, the Chemical Agent Monitor, the Remote Sensing Chemical Agent Alarm and the M8A1 Automatic Chemical Agent Alarm System - could produce a false positive indication in the presence of substances other than chemical warfare agents.

Additionally, investigators believe that the heavy concentrations of smoke and raw petroleum sometimes affected the detection equipment, causing them to alarm and trigger chemical warfare agent reports.

During the course of the investigation, it

was found that occasionally Marine units initiating alerts failed to identify themselves and their locations, and this may have caused more Marine units than necessary to don chemical protective gear.

However, investigators concluded overall that 11th Marines used the chemical warfare agent indications and information they received to protect their forces from possible chemical warfare agent exposure while focusing on the mission of supporting infantry units.

Case narratives examine Gulf War incidents that might have involved chemical warfare agents. They are part of DoD’s efforts to inform the public about its investigations into the nature and possible causes for the illnesses experienced by some Gulf War veterans.

This narrative, and all other Gulf War-related publications of the Office of the Special Assistant for Gulf War Illnesses, Medical Readiness and Military Deployments, is posted on the GulfLINK web site at [http://www.gulflink.osd.mil/11marines\\_ii](http://www.gulflink.osd.mil/11marines_ii)

## Defense Department releases findings on Gulf War ‘blistering’

DoD rules Marines’ exposure unlikely, posts more info on website

**Department of Defense**  
*Press Release*

The Department of Defense released today the results of its latest investigation of events during the Gulf War.

The case narrative, “Reported Chemical Warfare Agent Exposure in the 2d Reconnaissance Battalion,” focuses on a group of Marines who reported experiencing injuries that originally appeared symptomatic of chemical warfare agent exposure.

Investigators from the Office of the Special Assistant for Gulf War Illnesses, Medical Readiness and Military Deployments concluded the Marines involved were unlikely to have

been exposed to chemical warfare agents.

This assessment is based on interviews of the Marines who sought treatment and the medical personnel who treated them and the opinion from a medical expert who specializes in identifying chemical warfare casualties.

Between Feb. 4 and 14, 1991, six Marines from 2d Reconnaissance Bn., Bravo Co., reported developing blisters, bumps or sores on their hands, ears and necks.

Due to the expectation of Iraq using chemical and biological warfare munitions, the company commander instructed the Marines to seek medical attention.

These Marines who sought treatment had been assigned to different reconnaissance teams operating different observation posts when the blisters appeared.

Medical personnel who treated the Marines in the field could not diagnose probable causes for these blisters.

Some speculated that the blisters might have resulted from a possible exposure to a blister agent or a leishmaniasis infection, but these were discounted because no other

symptoms of these conditions were present.

Although medical personnel could not make a definitive diagnosis, the symptoms were neither severe nor debilitating and the Marines were declared fit for duty and returned to their unit.

The blisters healed within a few weeks, and the Marines participated in ground war operations without further symptoms. It is clear that these Marines experienced symptoms that concerned them.

The threat of chemical attack at the time of the Gulf War was real, and the blisters these Marines developed led

at least one medical person to speculate that the blisters resulted from exposure to a chemical warfare agent.

However, investigators were unable to find either medical personnel or other eyewitnesses who remembered treating anyone for chemical warfare agent injuries. In addition, a medical expert who specializes in chemical warfare identification and treatment could not identify with any degree of certainty what might have caused the Marines’ blisters, but concluded it is unlikely that exposure to mustard agent caused the skin lesions.

Investigators thoroughly

reviewed hospital admission logs, and interviewed the doctors and nurses directly involved in treating the Marines.

None could confirm they treated Marines for chemical warfare agent exposures.

Physical evidence - such as sand from the berm, or urine and blood specimens - which could have supported a confirmed chemical warfare agent detection was unavailable because it was not collected then.

This is an interim report. Veterans who may have additional information and want to share that information, should call the special

assistant’s office at (800) 497-6261. Case narratives examine Gulf War incidents that might have involved chemical warfare agents. They are part of DoD’s efforts to inform the public about its investigations into the nature and possible causes for the illnesses experienced by some Gulf War veterans.

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**PRESIDENT, *From A-1***

During his speech, President Bush also voiced his interest on military issues.

“You’re entitled to a Commander-in-Chief who sets a clear goal - a clear vision for our military,” President Bush said. “And that goal is to be well-equipped and well-trained to be able to fight and win war, and, therefore, prevent wars from happening in the first place.”

President Bush said at a recent Naval Academy commencement, that he’s “committed to building a future force that is defined less by size and more by mobility and swiftness. Camp Pendleton serves as the launching pad for what Marines do best - to

deploy rapidly so you can be the first on the scene wherever freedom and America’s interests are threatened,” President Bush said.

In addition to a tactical vision, President Bush also commented on military pay, housing and health benefits.

“Marines pride themselves on traveling light and fighting hard,” President Bush said. “But here at home, you and your families deserve something better.”

President Bush’s submitted budget contains a \$1.4 billion military pay raise, in addition to the recent raises Congress passed. The budget also contains \$450 million in new funds to improve military housing and \$3.9 billion to improve military health benefits.

**CCE, *From A-1***

Greeting official guests from Japan is a normal function of the society.

“We’re here to offer our support by bringing a little bit of home [during their stay in] Hawaii,” he said.

For such a large group, the society drafted special plans and arranged several social events, as well as a trip to the first Japanese Naval Cemetery located outside of Japan.

Detachment 36 departs MCB Hawaii today for the mainland. Commenting on the JMSDF deployment, Cmdr. Tyrone Payton, the

executive officer of the Skinny Dragons, said “It’s always a pleasure to host our allies and repay the warm hospitality we receive during our deployment to Japan.”

JMSDF Patrol Squadron Five was one of the squadrons to host the Skinny Dragons with open arms, when VP-4 was deployed to Japan, Payton said. When in Japan, VP-4 maintained two deployment sites, one in Misawa and the other on the island of Okinawa.

In the weeks ahead, the Skinny Dragons may have yet another opportunity to

host JMSDF. Detachment 36 will continue their two-month training detachment in San Diego, Calif., and in Whidbey Island, Wash.

While in San Diego, JMSDF will participate in Joint Task Force Exercise (JTFEX-01), a multi-national exercise involving aircrews from Whidbey Island, Wash., Canada and Australia.

Both nations will fly their P-3s alongside several Skinny Dragon aircrews during the exercise. Detachment 36 will return to Oahu for a two-week stay before crossing the Pacific to Japan—to home.

**BUDGET, *From A-1***

Zakheim said the request only covers urgent priorities.

“[President Bush] has said that he is not very comfortable at all with the way budgets have been dealt with over the last few years,” the comptroller told reporters May 31. He called the system “pathological” in that requesters deliberately underfund requests in anticipation of supplementals later in the year.

“There was gamesmanship regarding what was termed ‘emergencies,’” he said. An emergency request allows Congress to exceed budgetary caps.

“Emergency” became used very, very broadly so that people could evade the very caps that they had set upon themselves,” he said. This supplemental request, he said, stays under the spending caps.

Zakheim said more changes will be made in the fiscal 2002 defense budget that takes effect in October. He expects a 2002 budget amendment to go to Congress in July.

“What I would say is, you have right now ... a seven-month period where you are

essentially looking at three budgets,” he said.

The 2001 budget supplemental is not meant to set policy or tone, he said. “The second one (the fiscal 2002 budget amendment) is one that starts to point in the directions in which (the administration) wishes to go,” he said. “And it will do so in a very unequivocal way.”

“Then, the third one (the fiscal 2003 budget), which is the first one we work on from start to finish, obviously will reflect in a full-blown form what this administration is trying to accomplish with respect to national security and defense.”

The 2002 budget amendment will include money for missile defense and to begin transforming the American military, Zakheim said.

He said DoD is heading into the fiscal 2002 budget adamantly against unnecessary supplemental requests. But he didn’t rule them out.

“There is an ‘02 budget amendment coming down the pike,” he said. “It will presuppose no supplementals in ‘02 – no supplementals. Now, could there be a supplemental? Of course ... God forbid there’s a war.”

Zakheim said he sees de-

fense as a nonpartisan issue.

“I think there is a tremendous sense on both sides of the aisle that national defense has to be updated, transformed, modernized,” he said. And, the government must treat servicemembers decently.

“There is something fundamentally wrong with telling your kids to go out there and risk their lives — because they could die in a training accident or because they could be bumped off in some city somewhere in the world where they’re on liberty — and then you don’t give them the proper housing,” he said. “You keep them away for endless periods. You play games like this 179-day deployment so you don’t have permanent change of station, and what that does to families?”

He said DoD is obligated to place resources to support men and women in uniform: “If we don’t fix the infrastructure they work in, if we don’t fix the houses they live in, if we don’t provide for their kids’ education, if we don’t provide for their well-being, if we don’t provide for their health, why in God’s name should they volunteer to protect you and me?”

= EVERY CLIME AND PLACE =



Lance Cpl. Mace Gratz

A Marine from BLT 2/1 scales the wall of a building battered by Allied Forces during the Gulf War.

# 11th MEU (SOC) takes over Kuwaiti MOUT town

**Sgt. Eric McLeroy**  
*11th MEU(SOC) Public Affairs*

**FALAYKA ISLAND, Kuwait** – Just a few steps from the entrance to the war-ravaged school here, emerald waters of the Arabian Gulf ebbed and flowed against the sands of crushed shells and stone along the beach. Through broken windows, the Marines gazed at the picturesque scene, a stark contrast to the shards of glass and stone rubble scattered among the school ruins, where they had set up camp.

They spent two days on the island — May 18 and 19 — enough time for the Marines from Echo Co., Battalion Landing Team 2/1,

11th Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable) to practice their skills of urban patrolling, room clearing, defense, and squad attacks in an urban environment, as part of Exercise Eager Mace 2001.

Battles during the Gulf War destroyed the once flourishing resort community of Falayka Island. Now, scarred, broken buildings still bleed from the artillery and mortar wounds inflicted nearly 11 years ago. Explosive bursts punctured the flesh of concrete, leaving the walls dripping with charred black streaks.

“This is a fact gents,” shouted Staff Sgt.

*See MOUT, A-9*



*MOUT, From A-8*

Raul Toledo, platoon sergeant and Military Operations in Urban Terrain instructor. “This place was taken over by two groups — first the Iraqis and then — the Marines.”

Toledo’s voice was hard and quick as he taught a group of Marines from 3rd Platoon the techniques of room clearing. He was clear in spite of his thick Spanish accent, and his eyes burned with drill instructor-like intensity while he spoke.

“If you want to take the door first — because it’s the easiest accessible way in — you must be quick,” Toledo said.

The Marines listened as the sun hung overhead, forcing their sweat and salt-stained boonie covers to cast dark shadows across their faces.

They had been in Kuwait for a week. They were tanned and weathered from days beneath the scorching desert sun and had been exposed to the hard-driven desert wind that thrust sandstorms across the desert training areas.

Now, their shoulders slouched from the weight of weapons and battle dress. Still, they appeared alert, eyes focused on their instructor.

Toledo led the group of infantrymen through the wrecked house, pointing out danger areas and stopping to teach methods for maneuvering through the building in search of the enemy. The Marines stood quietly during his instruction and stretched their necks to watch him.

“You’ll always work as a team,” Toledo said to the men as if he were speaking to each Marine individually. “There’s nothing in your mind you can’t accomplish if you work as a team.”

The Marines did just that. Fire teams worked together to scale bare sandstone walls, kick in doors and hurdle through windows.

The overall training was broken down into stations where instructors gave classes on urban patrolling, room clearing, defense, and squad attacks in an urban environment. Toledo wrapped up his first class of the day and sent the Marines on to their next station.

“It was truly realistic and more challenging because of all the debris,” Cpl. Frank Barylski, a 21-year-old Detroit native, said. “It was better than (other urban training) because it was in a real setting.”

After the war, the town wasn’t resettled. Instead, it remained deserted, frozen in time and encased in dust to preserve the things left behind. During their patrols, realism crept further into the training scenario.

The streets were covered with torn boots and tattered clothes. A rusted bicycle, fit for a preschooler, lay on its side in the center of the stone and glass-covered street. Blue-tiled duplex apartments straddled the street where families once walked the sidewalks.

Now, Marines walked the streets, weapons in hand, peering into empty doorways and hollow windows, practicing for the same kind of warfare that once took place here.

A single shot rang out. An instructor hid inside the second story bedroom of one of the apartments. He acted as a sniper and fired blank rounds from his rifle, directed toward the street below.

The Marines reacted instantly, their bodies slammed into the face of the buildings as they scrambled for cover.

“Where’s it coming from?” shouted a squad leader.

The Marines bounded, fire team after fire team while Lance Cpl. Justin Rettenberger fired a continuous barrage of blank rounds from his squad automatic weapon. They sprinted from building to building under the cover of Rettenberger’s suppressive fire.

“He’s in that building!” A Marine shouted, pointing ahead to the corner apartment where sparks of red flashes appeared in the second-story window.

A fire team charged the building, putting to use the tactics they’d learned earlier. More shots burst from inside the apartment followed by a surreal calm as the wind carried the smell of gunpowder along the street.

“I got the sniper!” shouted the first Marine out of the apartment.

The others came to their feet and moved toward the cen-

ter of the street, stepping out of concealed areas and the scenario itself.

“You’re lucky my SAW was working today,” joked Rettenberger, a 21-year-old Hazelwood, Wisc. native.

The Marines huddled around the mock sniper and MOUT instructor and listened to critiques of the patrol. They left the urban patrol station exhilarated by the mock combat, smiling as they talked about what had happened.

The company finished the day rotating through each station and practicing their skills. The following day was filled with more yells and gunfire as squads were pitted against one another during patrolling and ambush scenarios.

“It was good training,” said Cpl. Jason Whalen, 21, a Brooklyn, N.Y. native. “If and when we ever have to do this for real, we probably would have bombarded the town with artillery and mortars and it would look like this. You have to keep your eyes open, and watch your step.”

The last night Echo Co. spent on the island, flares streaked upward from the town and painted the sky a fiery red. They continued their mock combat into the night and the air was filled with the sounds of chest-pounding artillery simulators and more gunfire.

When it was over, the Marines relived the experience of that night in their descriptive and colorful stories to each other until the company boarded helicopters and left Falayka Island.



# SALUTES

## Sergeant’s Course Class 4-01

### *Honor Graduate*

Sgt. A. E. Diaz  
MCAF

### *Second Place*

Sgt. A. M. Renfroe  
HQBn.

### *Third Place*

Sgt. J. T. Weller  
HQBn.

## Commanding General’s Honor Roll

*(Awarded to Marines who graduate with a final grade point average of 95 percent or higher)*

Sgt. A. E. Diaz  
MCAF  
Sgt. A. M. Renfroe  
HQBn.  
Sgt. J. T. Weller  
HQBn.  
Sgt. J. P. Collins  
HQBn.  
Sgt. R. C. Ranstadler  
HMH-363  
Sgt. F. Ibara-Aldana  
MALSEK



Sgt. D. C. Wheeler  
MarForPac

## Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps Writing Award

### *First Place*

Sgt. R. C. Ranstadler  
HMH-363

### *Runner-up*

Sgt. B. J. Brenneman  
1st Radio Bn.

### *Honorable Mention*

Sgt. D. W. Odom  
CSSG-3

## Certificates of Superior Performanace

*(Awarded to Marines who achieve a score of 285 or higher on the Marine Corps Physical Fitness Test)*

Sgt. D. P. Gonsiewski  
1st Radio Bn.

Sgt. C. C. Robinson  
1/12

Sgt. C. M. Henderson  
1st Radio Bn.

Sgt. B. T. Kopp  
MCAF







# MILITARY POLICE BLOTTER

## Traffic Court

There were a total of 40 traffic citations issued from May 26-31

-At last month’s traffic court, only 29 out of the 100 personnel summoned actually appeared.

-There were seven personnel who received one year suspensions for either driving under the influence or driving without insurance.

-Failure to appear at traffic court can result in an automatic guilty plea.

## The Blotter

- A Marine was charged

with failure to control a pet, after his canine bit a child who was riding her bicycle.

-A Juvenile was charged with failure to obey a lawful order after he was apprehended for not having proper safety equipment while skateboarding.

-A Marine was apprehended for disorderly conduct after being drunk in public, and making aggressive movements towards an MP.

-Two Marines were apprehended for assaulting another Marine, and were also charged with public drunkenness.

-Person(s) unknown damaged and stole parts of a Marines’ motorcycle that he left parked and unattended.

-During two different traffic stops, two Marines were charged with driving without having a valid drivers license.

-A Marine was arrested by HPD for contempt of court, for failing to appear for a traffic citation. Bail was set at \$125.

-A civilian was apprehended after he fled through the main gate during an ID check. After driving at high rates of speed in a reckless

manner through housing, he stopped after colliding with a parked vehicle.

-A civilian was apprehended for assaulting her husband, who is an active duty Marine.

-An unknown person entered a Marines’ barracks room, and stole his laptop computer.

-A civilian reported that person(s) unknown broke two windows in his construction trailer.

-A Marine left his vehicle unsecured and had six speakers and an amplifier stolen

from him. Total estimated loss is \$150.

-There were two separate traffic accidents that caused minor damage to all vehicles involved.

-Two civilians were charged with illegal fishing, fraudulent use of a vehicle pass, trespassing, and being in a restricted area after they were found spear fishing adjacent to Rifle Range Rd.

-A Marine and his wife were apprehended after they were involved in a domestic assault.

-A Marine was apprehend-

ed at the main gate during an ID card check. He was found to be driving on base suspension.

## Lost and Found

To contact Lost and Found please call Cpl. Fernandez at 257-2103, ext 325

## Neighborhood Watch

We are looking for neighborhood representatives to take charge of your local neighborhood watch program.

## Crime Prevention

For any assistance dealing with Crime Prevention or police issues, call Sgt. Kendra Gasper at 257-2103, ext 314.